

## Message Text

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ACTION NEA-10

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CAB-02 CIAE-00 COME-00 DODE-00 DOTE-00  
EB-08 INR-07 NSAE-00 FAA-00 /028 W  
-----111327Z 124239 /53  
R 111011Z MAR 77  
FM AMEMBASSY KATHMANDU  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7665  
INFO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO  
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

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E.O. 11652 N/A  
TAGS: ETRN NO CE  
SUBJ: AIR LINK BETWEEN NEPAL AND SRI LANKA

REF: A. STATE 54180, B. KATHMANDU 452 (NOTAL  
C. 1976 KATHMANDU 2418 (NOTAL D. 1976 - KATHMANDU A-55

ESTABLISHMENT OF SUBJECT ROUTE, AND PROGRESS TOWARD IT, WAS REPORTED  
VIA REFS. A,B,C,D, ET AL. PROSPECTS FOR SUCESS APPEAR TO BE  
QUITE GOOD. ALTHOUGH TOURISM HAS BEEN BOOMING IN BOTH NEPAL  
AND SRI LANKA, THE LACK OF A DIRECT LINK BETWEEN THE TWO  
COUNTRIES HAD DISCOURAGED CONNECTING TRAVEL.  
(UNTIL NOW, MOST DIRECT TRAVEL BETWEEN KATHMANDU AND COLOMBO  
CONSUMED TWO DAYS AND INVOLVED TWO AIRLIN CHANGES IN ROUTE.)  
COOPERATION OF RNAC WITH TOUR OPERATORS AND OTHER CONCERNED  
AIRLINES TO PROMOTE A EUROPE-SRI LANKA-NEPAL TRIANGULAR TOUR  
PACAKAGE FEATURING FRUITFUL. RNAC TENTATIVELY PLANS TO EXPAND  
TO TWO FLIGHTS A WEEK SIX MONTHS OR SO SHOULD TRAFFIC  
DEMAND SO WARRANT. RNAC GENERAL MANAGER HAS SAID THAT  
AIR CEYLON HAS NO IMMEDIATE PLANS TO OPERATE A  
RECIPROCAL FLIGHT.

2. THIS ROUTE WILL CONSIDERABLY IMPROVE THE UTILIZATION  
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STATISTICS FOR RNAC'S PRESENTLY UNDER-USED SINGLE B-727.  
SHOULD IT PROVE AS SUCESSFUL AS ANTICIPATED, IT SHOULD  
ALSO ADD FURTHER IMPETUS TO RNAC PLANS FOR ADDITIONAL  
ROUTE AND FLEET EXPANSION.  
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## Message Attributes

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